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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO
JULY 6, 2000 OFFICE ACTION, INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the July 6, 2000 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A reply to the July 6, 2000 Office Action was originally due October 6, 2000. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time from October 6, 2000 to January 6, 2001. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$445.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status and a check including this amount is enclosed herewith. Therefore, a reply to the July 6, 2000 Office Action is now due January 6, 2001. However, January 6, 2001, falls on a Saturday. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7, when the last day fixed by statute for taking any action in the Patent and Trademark Office falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday, the action may be taken, or the fee paid on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday, i.e. Monday, January 8, 2001.

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